



CHURCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

including the Annual Report of the  
**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

FOR THE YEAR

1 9 6 7



HEALTH COMMITTEE.

COUNCILLOR R. YATES, Chairman to May, 1967.

Councillor B. McLoughlin, J.P., Chairman from May, 1967.

Councillors :

L. DICKINSON	From May, 1967
G.A. DOWTHWAITE, J.P.	
W. HINDLE	To May, 1967
B.J. JOHNSTONE	From May, 1967
W. McCRACKEN	From May, 1967
B. McLOUGHLIN, J.P.	To May, 1967
T. McLYNN	From May, 1967
MISS C. ROGAN, J.P.	
MRS. M. SMITH	To May, 1967
P.J. WALSH	To May, 1967
T.H. WARD, J.P.	
R. YATES, J.P.	From May, 1967

Medical Officer of Health :

R.C. WEBSTER , B.Sc., M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.C.H., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:

J.L. PALK, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk :

R. CUNLIFFE.



Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
CHURCH.

June, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Church Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Urban District of Church for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

It will be seen that the population of the town is stationary. Infectious Diseases were negligible during the year.

The main problem continues to be that of substandard housing. I would comment that many of us heard with amazement a public officer from the South of England saying some two years' ago that in this country housing is no longer a serious problem. We in industrial Lancashire know only too well that whatever may be the position in some of the more attractive rural areas of Southern England we are faced with all too much of the grimy legacy of the early 19th Century. Again, early in 1967 one of the Senior Officers of the Ministry of Health was amazed to find we still had tippler closets. He said he had only read about such things and he was most anxious that we should show him one in actual operation. Indeed, he was quite fascinated by this museum piece; we who are getting on with the sins of our predecessors are only too familiar with these appalling mechanisms. One cannot but think at times that it is truly regrettable that Lancashire, which contributed so much in the industrial revolution to the prosperity of the country, now has, as a result heavy burdens both on authorities and on individuals in repairing the errors of the industrial revolution period and one must hope that some time the powers-that-be will appreciate how uneven this burden is.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, for your continued help and co-operation throughout the year and in particular I would like to say how much I value my association with Mr. Palk.

I am,

Yours obediently,

R. C. WEBSTER

Medical Officer of Health.





STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF  
THE AREA.

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	528
Population (Census, 1961)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,888
Population estimated mid-1967	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,850
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1967 according to rate books)								2,020
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£141,929
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£530

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA.

Present industries include cotton and rayon weaving, engineering, printing and electrical welding.

There have been no special noteworthy cases of sickness or invalidity during the year, nor does there appear to be any conditions of occupation which have been prejudicial to health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population for mid-year 1967 is 5,850 which is a decrease of 20 on the previous year.

The census of 1951 revealed a population of 5,199, whilst that of 1961 indicated the number of persons living within the district to be 5,888.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	82	49	33
Illegitimate	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
	90	55	35
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2	1	1
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>





### Total Registered Births

Total Registered Births, 1967	...	...	...	90
Total Registered Births, 1966	...	...	...	95

### Live Birth Rate

* For the year 1967 per 1,000 estimated population	15.4
For the year 1966	17.0
For 5 year's average 1962 - 1966	18.0
* 1967 adjusted birth rate comparability factor 1.05=16.2 per 1,000	
England and Wales 1967 - 17.2 per 1,000	

### Still Birth Rate

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 1967	22.
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 1966	40.4

<u>Total Registered Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1967	34	28	62
1966	43	41	84

### Crude Death Rate

For 1967 per 1,000 estimated population	...	...	10.6
For 1966	...	...	14.3
Mean for 5 years 1962 - 1966	...	...	12.8
Corrected death rate (comparability factor 1.20)			12.7
England and Wales, 1967			11.2

### Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

<u>1967</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Male	2	-	2
Female	2	-	2
<u>1966</u>			
Male	-	-	-
Female	1	-	1



Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of Age

All infants per 1,000 live births, 1967 44.0

All infants per 1,000 live births, 1966 10.5

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

<u>1967</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Total</u>
-------------	-------------------	---------------------	--------------

Male	1	-	1
------	---	---	---

Female	1	-	1
--------	---	---	---

1966

Male	-	-	-
------	---	---	---

Female	1	-	1
--------	---	---	---

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

<u>1967</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Total</u>
-------------	-------------------	---------------------	--------------

Male	1	-	1
------	---	---	---

Female	1	-	1
--------	---	---	---

1966

Male	-	-	-
------	---	---	---

Female	-	-	-
--------	---	---	---

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 1967 22.0

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 1966 10.5

Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births,  
1967 22.0

Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live birhts,  
1966 NIL

Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births, 1967 43.0

Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births, 1966 40.4



Cause of Death		Ages		1 year		Over 1 year		Over 1 year	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	6	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	11	-	-	-	-	3	2	2
	F	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Circulatory Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pneumonia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Malformations	M	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Defined and Ill-Defined	M	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		M 34	1	1	1	1	6	6	10
		F 20	1	1	-	-	2	3	6
									13



PREVALENCE OF CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS

DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1967.

The numerical and age incidence of infectious diseases is shown in the following table :-

Notifiable Disease	Total cases at all ages	Total Cases Notified										Total Deaths
		Age Period - Years										
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 & Over	Age unknown	
Measles	4	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	8	-	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and Over	Unknown					
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-
Meninges & C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-
Total	12	-	-	-	-	-	-					-





PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS), 1952.

Tuberculosis

Cases of tuberculosis were admitted to various Sanatoria under the Regional Hospital Board. The Tuberculosis scheme is administered by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board and the Public Health Department is notified of housing conditions and environment generally. Necessary disinfection is carried out by the Public Health Department.

TABLE II.

No. of Persons on Register 31st December 1967.									
Total Cases	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
13	8	4	12	1	-	1	9	4	13

There is no evidence of excessive incidence of or mortality from tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

No action has been necessary under the above regulations, which concern workpeople, suffering from tuberculosis, in the milk trade.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172.

Removal to hospital of infectious persons suffering from tuberculosis of the respiratory tract.

No action was necessary.

Disinfection after Infectious Disease.

Rooms of houses were disinfected during the year by means of spraying with a disinfectant.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of attention.

No action was necessary.



The following sections of the Report, viz :-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA  
including PUBLIC CLEANSING, HOUSING  
and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

have been prepared

by

MR. J.L. PALK, Public Health Inspector,

(Cert. S.I.Bd., Cert. R.S.I. Meat  
and Other Foods,

Cert. R.S.I. Smoke Inspector)



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

The water is obtained from moorland catchment area and deep wells, and supplied by the Calder Water Board, Burnley.

Water is supplied from the public mains direct to all houses and the supply is considered generally satisfactory in respect of both quality and quantity throughout the area.

### Closet Accommodation.

No. of movable ashbins and paper sacks	2239
No. of pail closets	2
No. of fresh water closets	2381
No. of waste water closets	628
No. of houses which have no separate closet accomodation	51
No. of houses not on water carriage system	<u>2</u>

### Closet Conversions.

No. of waste water closets to fresh water P.H.A.1936	18	
	H.A. 1949-54	<u>6</u> 24

The cost of this unsavoury work is rising and the Council's contribution of £10 is now less than one third of the cost of the conversion.

It is pleasing to know that the amount of grant will be reviewed for the year 1968/69.

### Waste Water Closets and Drains.

130 complaints of choked waste water closets and drains have been attended to by Local Authority workmen. Although 114 were cleansed 16 were referred to the owners for cleansing and repair.

24 waste water closets were abolished during the year.

Unfortunately although the number of Waste Water Closets is reduced by (a) demolition of unfit houses, and (b) conversion by owners, progress is very slow. Too many people accept this obsolete insanitary appliance as part of the normal standard of living.

The number was reduced by 38 during the year and at that rate of progress the 1980's will be reached before the last one is abolished.

### Sewerage Disposal.

The sewage disposal works are situate at Coppy Clough, Church, and the effluent from Accrington M.B. and Church U.D., after treatment by the Accrington & Church Outfall Sewerage Board, is discharged into the River Hyndburn.

Additional means of disposal has been commenced by spraying on to farmland adjoining the works.

### Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no baths or pools within the district.





## Schools.

There are four schools within the district - all denominational, three of which are more than 50 years old. The standards of these premises cannot be said to be equal to those of the present day. In one school the sanitary accommodation for the boys requires improving.

## AIR POLLUTION.

In this small urban district the procedure set out in three Acts of Parliament is followed to ensure that the inhabitants are able to enjoy clean air as follows :-

- a) Clean Air Act, 1956 - to control industrial and domestic smoke
- b) Public Health Act, 1936 to control the emission of offensive odours from industrial plant
- c) Alkali etc. Works - to maintain contact with Regulation Act, 1906 H.M. Alkali etc. Works as extended by Alkali Inspector in regard to etc. Works Orders certain industrial 1928 - 1963. works

### (a) Clean Air Act, 1956.

#### 1. Industrial Smoke.

Observations of factory chimneys were carried out.

#### 11. Domestic Smoke.

No. 5 Area. Part of St. James' Ward.

The Order was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government on 11th May, 1966.

The prompt canvassing and salesmanship of the North Western Gas Board and National Coal Board induced many householders to convert their fireplaces immediately, although the Order does not come into operation until September, 1969.



a) III. Details of Smoke Control Areas.

a) No. of orders submitted to Ministry during year	0
b) No. of orders confirmed by Ministry during year	0
c) Total number of orders in force at end of year	4
d) No. of houses and other buildings involved in	
(a) ... ..	0
(b) ... ..	0
(c) ... ..	1069

d) Public Health Act, 1936.

During the summer months at certain times an offensive odour is emitted from a factory where the trade of fat melting is carried on.

The improved method of cooking the fat has reduced the amount of offensive odour liberated to atmosphere.

e) Alkali etc. Works Regulation Act, 1906, as extended by Alkali etc. Works Orders 1928 - 1963.

Although factories coming within the scope of this legislation are not situate within the district, the condition of the atmosphere is affected detrimentally by manufacturers situate outside the district. The energies of the other local authorities and the H.M. Alkali etc. Inspector are directed to obtain improvements.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

(i) Number of complaints investigated	...	...	...	1
(ii) Details of formal action taken	...	...	...	0



## PUBLIC CLEANSING 1967-68.

### Refuse Removal.

A complete weekly service providing 52 collections was attained for the sixth year in succession. However, there is immense difficulty in retaining labour for this dirty, arduous work which has to be performed in all weathers.

### Provision of Dustbins.

The maintenance of dustbins in this district is a Local Authority responsibility, and this factor will be exceedingly useful in the event of any change in the type of refuse receptacle.

### Refuse Disposal.

Domestic refuse and certain other refuse is disposed of at the tip at Far Holmes in accordance with the best available method. This form of sanitary disposal of refuse is dependant upon a plentiful supply of suitable cover such as furnace ashes and dust.

Additional ash, etc. has been obtained for covering material by using a portion of the old tip.

The present land, which is used for tipping, previously belonged to Oswaldtwistle U.D.C. Their sewage beds are provided with ash, clay and soil which can be used for cover, but the maintenance of good roads in wet weather causes some difficulty, and damage to vehicles.

The stream, Tinker Brook, adjoins the tip and regular cleansing and dredging is necessary to confine the stream to its banks.

### Salvage.

The separation of salvable material from household and factory refuse has continued throughout the year.

The following is a summary of materials collected and sold :-

	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	118.	17.	1.	829.	18.	9.
Textiles	3.	8.	1.	37.	18.	2.
Ferrous Metal	2.	10.	0.	16.	12.	0.
	124.	15.	2.	884.	8.	11.

The amount of salvage sold continues to play an important part in the refuse collection and disposal accounts.



# COST STATEMENT.

Year ended 31st March, 1968.

## S U M M A R Y.

Item	Particulars	Collection	Disposal	Total
	<u>Revenue Account - Gross Expenditure.</u>	£	£	£
1.	1. Labour	2623	657	3280
	2. Transport	1999	110	2109
	3. Plant, equipment, land & buildings	611	1577	2188
	4. Other Items	-	-	-
	5. Total Expenditure	5233	2344	7577
2.	. Income	-	1428	-
3.	Nett cost	5233	916	6149
4.	Capital expenditure met from Revenue (included above)	-	-	-
	<u>UNIT COSTS</u>	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
5.	Gross cost per ton labour only	32. 18.	8.06	40. 24.
6.	Gross cost per ton transport only	24. 53	1.35	25. 88.
7.	Nett cost (all expenditure) per ton	64. 20 £	11.24 £	75. 44. £
8.	Nett cost per 1,000 population	895	156	1051
9.	Nett cost per 1,000 premises	2434	426	2850

10.	Area in acres	523
11.	Population 30. 6. 67	5850
12.	Estimated total refuse collected (tons)	1630
13.	Estimated weight (cwts.) per 1,000 population per day (365 to year)	15.2
14.	No. of premises from which refuse is collected	2150
15.	Average haul by collection vehicle to disposal point (miles)	.5
16.	No. of emptyings during year	52





## FACTORIES.

The number of factories on the register in accordance with the provisions of the Factory Act, 1961, is 33 Power.

### Power Factories.

25 inspections were carried out in respect of sanitary accommodation.

### Outwork.

The number of persons employed as outworkers in accordance with Section 133 was 3.

## SANITARY INSPECTION, 1967.

Number of premises visited	...	...	...	...	2528
Defects or nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	643
Defects or nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	589
Number of Notices served - (a) Informal	...	...	...	...	378
(b) Statutory	...	...	...	...	2
Legal proceedings	...	...	...	...	0

## CLASSIFICATION OF INSPECTIONS.

Inspection of District	...	...	...	...	...	55
Houses - Complaints and re-visits	...	...	...	...	...	530
Interviews - Owners and property repairers	...	...	...	...	...	190
Choked waste water closets and drains	...	...	...	...	...	150
Examining drains whilst work in progress	...	...	...	...	...	4
New drains	...	...	...	...	...	12
Conversion of waste water closets	...	...	...	...	...	35
Dust Bins	...	...	...	...	...	120
Refuse removal and disposal	...	...	...	...	...	350
Salvage	...	...	...	...	...	90
Street Cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	140
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	45

---

Carried Forward 1721



CLASSIFICATION OF INSPECTIONS (Continued)

	Brought Forward	1721
Factories ... ..		25
Food and Drugs Act - Food preparing and retail premises, viz :-		
Meat pies and sausage; bakehouse; cafe kitchens and canteens; grocers; confectioners; butchers; fried fish and licensed premises ... ..		75
Offices and Shops ... ..		20
Atmospheric pollution -		
investigations and interviews ... ..		5
observations - industrial ... ..		25
observations - domestic ... ..		30
smoke control areas - inspections and interviews		150
Offensive trade ... ..		25
Infectious diseases and food poisoning ... ..		5
Dirty and/or verminous premises ... ..		2
Rodent control ... ..		12
Council houses - Tenancies, inspection and interviews (estimated) ...		300
Sundry inspections ... ..		67
Rodent control - Operator's visits ... ..		60
Petroleum Acts ... ..		6

---

2528

---



# IMPROVEMENT EFFECTED.

## Dwelling houses :-

Roofs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Gutters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Downspouting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Windows - sash cords			...	...	...	...	...	-
Windows - repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Ceiling plaster		...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Wall plaster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Doors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Internal walls waterproofed				...	...	...	...	5
External walls		...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Chimney stacks and flues	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waste water closets and drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	135
Water closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Dust bins		...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Dust bin lids	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Cleansed and/or vermin destroyed					...	...	...	1
Sinks and waste pipes			...	...	...	...	...	-
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water supply, insufficient & leaking pipes, etc.								1
Defects found - houses closed								220
Food premises - wash basins and sinks, etc....						...	...	1
Offices and Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Rats and Mice - treatment			...	...	...	...	...	32
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Clean Air Act - industrial			...	...	...	...	...	-
Clean Air Act - smoke control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Refuse deposits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-





## RODENT CONTROL.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The rodent control scheme has continued throughout the year with much success.

Treatment has been carried out using the methods as recommended by the Directorate of Infestation Control.

During the year free treatment to dwelling houses was given by the Local Authority.

Thirty treatments against rodents were carried out as follows :-

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
a) No. of properties in district	2605	4
b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	30	-
c) No. of (b) infested by - rats	21	
mice	9	
d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	0	
e) No. of (d) infested by - rats	0	
mice	0	

Two treatments of the sewers have been carried out, which in my opinion, play a large part in reducing the rat population of the district; and defective drains, which were permitting egress of rats, have been remedied.



## HOUSING.

### (a) HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Number of new houses erected during the year :-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Flats</u>
(i) By the local authority	-	14
(ii) By other local authorities	-	-
(iii) By other bodies or persons	6	-

2. Total No. of dwellings owned by any local authority existing in district at end of year 427

3. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year :-

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 110

(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 150

(c) No. of dwelling houses in (a) above, found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit 20

(ii) Total No. of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit & in respect of which :-

(a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time) 38

(b) Demolition of Closing Orders have not yet been made 21

4. Houses Demolished.  
In Clearance Areas.

<u>Houses</u> <u>Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during Year</u> <u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
------------------------------------	--	-----------------

(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	20	34	15
---------------------------------------	----	----	----

(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
---	---	---	---

(iii) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
--	---	---	---

Not in Clearance Areas.

(iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1), Housing Act, 1957	1	2	1
---	---	---	---

(v) L.A. owned houses certified unfit by the M.O.H.	-	-	-
---	---	---	---

(vi) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	-
---	---	---	---

(vii) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-
---	---	---	---



	<u>Number</u>	<u>Displaced during Year</u> <u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
5. <u>Unfit Houses Closed.</u>			
(i) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) & 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	40	4	2
(ii) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(iii) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
6. <u>Unfit Houses made Fit &amp; Houses in which Defects were Remedied.</u>			
(i) By owner after informal action by local authority			16
(ii) After formal action under Sec.9 & Sec.16 of the Housing Act, 1957			
(a) owner			0
(b) by local authority			0
(iii) After formal notice under Public Health Acts			0
(iv) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under Sec.21 of the Housing Act, 1961			0
(v) After determination of a demolition order under Sec. 24 of the Housing Act, 1957			0
(vi) After determination of a closing order under Sec. 27 of the Housing Act, 1961			0
7. <u>Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)</u>			
No action necessary.		No. of occupants of houses in Column	
8. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-	<u>Number of Houses</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
	(1)		
Houses in proposed Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased during the year	0		0
9. <u>Housing Act, 1949, Improvement Grants etc.</u>			
	No. of dwellinghouses or other buildings affected in schemes of:		
	<u>Private bodies</u>		
Action during year :-	<u>or individuals</u>	<u>Local Authority</u>	
(i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	0		-
(ii) Approved by Local Authority	0		-
(iii) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	2		-
(iv) Finally approved by Ministry	2		-
(v) Work completed	1		-
(vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above	-		-
(vii) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars)	-		-





10. House Purchase & Housing Acts, 1959, Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964 - Standard Grants.

(i) Applications submitted to local authority for improvements to	(a) full standard	14
	(b) reduced standard	0
(ii) Total applications approved by local authority to	(a) full standard	11
	(b) reduced standard	0
(iii) Work completed		7
(iv) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings		0

11. Housing Conditions.

(i) Approximate number of back to back houses	18
(ii) Approximate number of back to earth houses	0
(iii) Approximate number of other houses without through ventilation	7

12. Moveable dwellings and caravan sites 1

13. Fitness of Houses.

(i) No. of houses which have not a satisfactory internal water supply	Not known - believed to be a few hundred
(ii) No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation	51

Housing Act, 1964. Section 96.

One applicant received grant aid towards the cost of providing a separate supply to his house.

A. Unfit Houses. Housing Act, 1957, Pt. III.  
Chapel Ward.

In this district there are situate more than 500 sub-standard houses which were built at about 40 houses to the acre. Most of the houses are provided with insanitary waste water closets and a water supply insufficient for moder needs due to the large number of houses sharing a common supply. In addition to numerous houses being found unfit for human habitation, the redevelopment of the land is overshadowed by the widening and re-routing of the main road (A.679) and its junctions.

In consequence the general decay of the area, witnessed by the voluntary closing of some shops and houses is increased by the number of premises which are closed and boarded up by reason of the proposed diversion of the road. These premises are likely to stay in that condition for a few years yet.

Statistics published in the report indicate a reduction in the number of back to back houses, waste water closets, shared closets due to demolition of the houses. (Continued over/...)





## Chapel Ward (Continued)

Although Clearance Areas and Compulsory Purchase Orders were not made; by informal action 40 houses were purchased and closed and will be included in future Clearance Areas.

### The provision of Houses.

14 one bedroom flats were completed on the Railway Street cleared site and 14 more should be completed early in 1968 on the Henry Street cleared site.

There is a vast need for the provision of such accommodation to rehouse persons from the Clearance Areas.

The decision to build on the Riding Barn site has yet to be resolved.

### B. Modernisation of Houses.

The number of Applications for standard grant amenities - bathroom grants - received is small.

## CHIEF SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

### Housing:

- (1) The demolition of many unfit houses
- (2) The improvement of houses without 5 standard amenities, with a life of 15 years
- (3) The conversion of waste water closets

The achievement of a cleaner atmosphere.



## INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### 1. Milk Supply.

Action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

#### a) The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

These regulations are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

b) Raw Milk. *Brucella abortus*. A farmer was notified of infected milk. The affected animal was removed.

### 2. Meat and Other Foods.

a) There are no Slaughter Houses within the district.

75 inspections were carried out at food shops and vehicles, and I am pleased to report that on occasions where it has been necessary to draw the attention of the occupiers to contraventions, improvements were effected.

#### b) Number of Food Premises, indicating type of business in the district at the end of the year :-

General grocers and provisions dealers	24
Greengrocers & fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	6
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	0
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	5
Bakers and/or confectioners	5
Fried fish shops	6
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionary, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	12
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars & similar catering establishments	19
Others	9
Total	<u>86</u>

c) No special examinations of food stocks or consignments were required during the year

d) A small quantity of condemned food was buried at the Local Authority's controlled refuse tip.

e) Food poisoning. No cases of food poisoning were reported.



### 3. Adulteration of Foods.

This Local Authority is not a Food and Drugs Authority, and the work of carrying into execution and enforcing the section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 :-

- a) Which relates to the composition of food and drugs
- b) Which relates to additions not to be made to milk and liquids to be sold as milk;

and together with certain Orders and Regulations, with a view to securing that food and drugs are sold only in a pure and genuine condition, is performed by the County Council.

### 4. Number of Food Premises, by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Sale of Ice Cream ... ..	10
Manufacture of Sausages and Potted Meat ...	4
Manufacture of Meat Pies ... ..	5





# FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

## Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

### PART I OF THE ACT.

#### 1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health :-

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Inspect tions (3)	Number of Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	33	25	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	33	25	-	-

#### 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found			No. of cases in which prosecutions were institu- ted.	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S.4)-	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences(S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-



### 3. Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

		Section 133			Section 134	
Nature of Work (1)	No. of outworkers in Aug. list reqd. by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Iron and steel cables and chains	3	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	-	-	-	-	-



OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

This new legislation which came into force on the 1st August, 1964, is designed to improve the safety, health and welfare facilities of the above-mentioned premises.

The number of premises on the register is as follows :-

Offices	6
Retail Shops	15
Wholesale Shops	3
Catering estaablishments open to the public	5
Fuel storage depots	1

Some of the premises are visited in the course of inspection carried out under the requirements of other legislation.

Accidents to personnel involving absence of work for more than three days must be notified. No reports have been received.







